



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Scientific Technician 2  
\$2426.00 – \$3135.00 Range: 36

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**Recruitment # 1358-10   Opens: June 16, 2010   Closes: July 1, 2010**

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**Job Summary**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking candidates for a fulltime permanent Scientific Technician 2 position. This position is part of the Fish Program's Science Division, Hatchery Wild Interaction Unit located in Wenatchee. Primary duties include data collection and other field activities to estimate the abundance and spatial structure of spring Chinook and Steelhead populations in the upper Columbia Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU). Duties include mentoring temporary technicians in the implementation of PIT tag arrays and data collection, assisting the lead biologist in providing information for permit applications for antenna array sites, establishing and modifying antenna building techniques, maintaining records, collecting, verifying, and summarizing data for inclusion in a database and monthly reports submitted to primary funding entity.

**Working Conditions**

The work schedule is 40 hours per week, but more than 40 hours may be required in order to meet critical deadlines. Project activities are underway 24/7, and overnight travel and night work may also be required. Approximately 90% of the work is performed in the field and requires working in adverse weather conditions, cold water, hot weather, and exposure to mosquitoes and other difficult environmental conditions. Duties will also require the employee to manipulate and operate heavy tools such as a pneumatic hammer and various other types of hand tools, standing in swift water for long periods, and lifting large awkward objects.

This position is covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the State of Washington, Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Washington Association of Fish and Wildlife Professionals (WAFWP), which contains a "union security" provision. This means that, as a condition of employment you must either join the union and pay union dues, or pay the union a representational or other fee within 30 days of the date you are put into pay status.

**Competencies**

Well qualified applicants for this position will demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities in the following areas:

Ability to build or maintain PIT tag antenna arrays

Basic knowledge of PIT tag readers (i.e. 2001 ISO, FS 1001M) or ALL Flex type readers

Working knowledge of Ptagis software (i.e. Minimon, Mobilmon, and P3).

Working knowledge of rotary screw traps and related sampling techniques

Practical skills using relevant tools (i.e. hand tools)

Basic familiarity with the life history and behavior of salmonids is a plus

**Qualifications**

This position requires graduation from high school or a GED and two years of experience related to collecting and organizing scientific data in a field or laboratory setting. Completed college course work in biology, chemistry, fisheries, or other natural sciences will substitute for each year of the experience, with six semester or nine quarter hours of relevant courses equivalent to one year of experience. Preferred applicants will have practical experience working with rotary screw traps, adult and juvenile fish traps, PIT tagging fish, or related sampling techniques.

**How to apply**

To apply for this position you must provide complete and specific information that shows how you meet the qualifications and competencies described above. Submit a signed state application that describes your experience and education relevant to the competencies and qualifications for which you wish to receive credit.

**Here are the ways you can submit your signed application.**

1. Scan a signed copy and send by e-mail to: [WDFWjobs@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:WDFWjobs@dfw.wa.gov)
2. Fax (360) 902-2392 Attn: Margaret Gordon

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